

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CONGRESSMAN
MIKE McNULTY FOR HIS YEARS
OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, in his nearly 20 years as a Member of the House, Congressman MIKE McNULTY has tirelessly served the people of New York with distinction. As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security, Congressman McNULTY has been a leader in the efforts to ensure America's seniors earn the guaranteed benefit they were promised.

The Democratic Caucus, his constituents, and indeed the American people will miss the energy and intellect he brought to every endeavor. I wish him well and know he will enjoy spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JAY
SHEPHERD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Jay M. Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd passed from this life on September 23, 2007, and his family will hold a memorial celebration of his life on November 3, 2007.

Mr. Shepherd was born May 27, 1946 in Ashtabula, OH. He graduated from Wellington High School in 1964 and received a Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1968.

He and his wife Judith Lee Greening were married on August 3, 1968, and together they raised a son, Patrick.

A Vietnam veteran (1969–1971), Mr. Shepherd was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. Upon his return, he managed the family business, Shepherd Chevrolet-Oldsmobile in Wellington. He operated the business until 1984, whereupon he was employed at Forest City Technologies until 2007, working as the Customer Service Manager and most recently as System Software Integration Manager.

Jay Shepherd was an avid photographer for most of his life. He served in a volunteer capacity as official photographer for Team MGD Racing. He enjoyed computers, motorcycles, and cars. He was a fan of the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, and NASCAR auto racing. He loved animals and nature.

Mr. Shepherd was a proud veteran, loving family man, community-minded businessman, an avid sports fan, and enjoyed his hobbies. He enjoyed life and the friends and family around him. We join his family, friends, colleagues, community, and neighbors in honoring this life well-lived as they celebrate his

memory and the joy he brought to all who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1023, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MS. ELOISE R. BAZA

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life of Ms. Eloise R. Baza, the first woman to serve as the president of the Guam Chamber of Commerce and whose service to the community extended beyond her duties and responsibilities to the private sector. Eloise started her Chamber career as the assistant to the president in 1981. When then-president James McDonald stepped down in 1985, Ms. Baza was named to the position to fill the unexpired term. She was then elected in her own right and held it successfully until her untimely death on October 29, 2007.

Eloise will be missed not only by the members of the Chamber of Commerce and Guam's business community, but also by our island community. She contributed significantly to the improvement of our island, both in her capacity as Chamber president and as a devoted daughter of Guam. Eloise believed in our youth and supported programs to keep Guam's children drug free and to help them as future prospects in education, athletics and business careers in Guam. She promoted and advocated entrepreneurship among Guam's young people through regular participation and support for Guam's Junior Achievement Program; scholarships for business students attending the University of Guam, and as a speaker at many public and private Career Day activities. She was an active member of the Islandwide Beautification Task Force, the Summer Youth Swimming and Water Safety Program, and was especially proud of the Guam Juvenile Drug Court Program, which she started with former high school classmate and lifelong friend, Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson.

Eloise was a member of the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce, APCAC, and its committees on Trade & Investment/Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, APEC, Tax & Finance, and Intellectual Property Rights Protection; and the American Council of Chamber of Commerce Executives

and its Small Business Council. She was also a member of Andersen Air Force Bases' Civilian Advisory Council, the Guam Territorial Aquarium Council, and the Guam Police Department's Community Assisted Policing Effort, CAPE, Program, in which she was named Honorary Deputy Chief of Police and proudly displayed the badge she had been given.

Eloise was a strong advocate of women in business and, by example, proved the value and insight of women's business acumen. She managed her family-owned apartment building, and handled the financial reporting, securing tenants and overseeing the maintenance of the units. Her unassailable integrity, her leadership, and her commitment to the field of commerce and free enterprise in general and to the Guam business community in particular made her truly a driving force behind the Guam Chamber of Commerce. She gave the Chamber an important and respected voice in our community. She also served as the Chamber's chief operating officer in charge of administration and management of all of the Chamber's operations and direction of all its projects, programs and activities. She played a central role in the Chamber's advocacy of sound economic policy, government reform, and community service.

Eloise R. Baza graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, AOLG, in 1971. She maintained close relationships with her classmates over the years and spearheaded the committee that created AOLG's Hall of Fame to inspire young ladies and promote "values, vision, and voice" in measuring success of family, civic and professional life. In 1974, Eloise earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California. She then came home and worked for the Guam Department of Commerce from 1975 until 1981. In 1979, she became an associate economist in the Commerce Department's Economic Research Center, where she prepared an action plan to centralize all economic development planning functions of the Government of Guam within the Department of Commerce. She also initiated Guam's participation in various federal economic development financing programs which funded infrastructure improvements island-wide. Her action plan was implemented as Commerce Department's Economic Development & Planning Division. Having initiated the establishment of the division, Eloise was named its chief in 1981. During her tenure, Eloise oversaw the preparation of the "Overall Economic Development Plan for Guam," the "Tumon Bay Master Plan," the "Ten Year Tourism Master Plan," and the "Aquaculture Development Plan for Guam." Additionally, she supervised all economic development federal program funds and directed their use to finance infrastructure to support industry expansion. Also in 1981, Eloise undertook graduate coursework toward an MBA in International Business Management from Babson College in Wellesley, MA.

My sympathies and prayers go out to Eloise's family: her parents, Rosa Rivera Baza

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and the late Jose Camacho Baza and Luis Camacho Baza; her loved one, Joseph Barroto; her siblings and their spouses, Evelyn Baza and Joseph F. Soriano, Leonard Rivera and Margaret Salas Baza, Rosa Duenas and Fred Manglona, Lucille Baza and Geronimo Castro, Luis Rivera and Marcia Woolley Baza, Barbara Baza and Daniel Ninete, Felisa Rivera Baza and Carisa San Agustin, Carmen Rivera Baza and Mark Timcoe, and her many relatives and friends.

CONGRATULATING MR. NENO SARTINI FOR HIS YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON BEHALF OF UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Neno Sartini, of Wilkes-Barre, PA, who is being honored for his many years of service to military veterans that stems from his unyielding love of country and those who serve to protect it.

Mr. Sartini graduated in 1948 from Plains Township High School. He subsequently enlisted in the United States Air Force and is a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired after 26 years of service with the rank of TSgt.

During his military service he was stationed in Greenland, Guam, Japan, and several stateside bases.

Mr. Sartini is a recipient of the Bronze Star, Republic of South Vietnam Medal of Honor, Army/Air Force Good Conduct Medal with silver clasp, Air Force Commendation Medal with silver clasp, and the Vietnam Campaign Service Medal with two stars.

In 1977, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the highest peacetime award given by the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Sartini is a recipient of the "Chapel of Four Chaplains" Legion of Honor Award, the American Legion's William Brace Award for Public Service, and the American Spirit Award for patriotism and service to country.

Mr. Sartini has logged more than 2,300 hours of volunteer service at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Medical Center over a period of 13 years.

He was a driving force in the creation of the Luzerne County Vietnam War Memorial that reposes on the south lawn of the county Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Sartini has been a tireless advocate for all military service veterans and he has been an active member in the Italian American Veterans of Luzerne County where he served as commander. He served as vice commander of the Veterans of the Vietnam War Post 2 and is a member of the Korean War veterans of Luzerne County, Plains Township American Legion, Order of the Sons of Italy and Masonic Lodge, No. 61.

Mr. Sartini has been cited repeatedly over the years for his aggressive style of approaching all challenges, whether it be keeping military operating equipment in peak electrical condition and readiness; recruiting other

young men and women for service in the United States Air Force; advising community leaders on important issues of the day, or volunteering his time and expertise to improve the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Sartini. His love for this Nation and the men and women who have served in uniform to protect this land and the freedoms we enjoy as United States citizens knows no bounds. Clearly, Mr. Sartini has improved the quality of life for all with whom he comes into contact and, as such, he has earned our respect and deepest gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1021, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HONORABLE JUDGE EDGAR C. NEMOYER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, and an outstanding citizen of Buffalo and western New York, the Honorable Edgar C. "Mickey" NeMoyer. Mickey was a neighbor and a longtime friend and mentor; a great South Buffalonian, and a dear friend whose sudden passing this past weekend is a great shock to us all.

Mickey was born in Buffalo's First Ward in 1932, and soon after graduated from St. Theresa's Grammar School and Canisius High School, Mick pursued his higher education at Georgetown University, the University at Buffalo Law School, and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Later he shared his love and knowledge of the government process by teaching others as an Associate Professor at the State University of New York Albany Graduate School of Criminal Justice.

As a young man, Mickey served this Nation in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. Following military service, Mickey returned to the city of Buffalo and took a hands-on approach to law enforcement by joining the Buffalo Police Department, while at the same time working as a longshoreman as he made his way through law school. After earning his law degree he answered the call again, working in the general counsel's office of the U.S. Public Health Administration during the tenure of President John F. Kennedy.

Upon returning to Buffalo, Mickey began a long and distinguished career as an attorney and judge, working in private practice with the firm Boreanaz, NeMoyer, and Baker, and later serving as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the city of Buffalo. Mickey's legal and prosecutorial career flourished, as he served as an Assistant United States Attorney and later as First Assistant and Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of New York. His

distinguished career was capped by his service as a justice of the New York State Supreme Court and by his 17 years as a justice of the New York State Court of Claims.

As a judge, the law prohibited Mickey from engaging in partisan politics. But it was throughout this time that he became a great mentor to me and someone to whom I consistently looked for advice and counsel throughout my own career. Indeed, in January 1999, as a newly-elected member of the New York State Legislature, I was honored to have my oath of office administered by the Honorable Justice Edgar C. NeMoyer. Fittingly, it was his example that helped to drive my own ambition to serve.

In his retirement years, Mickey and his loving wife Josephine were regulars on the political circuit in south Buffalo and throughout Erie County. Dozens of elected officials and would-be officials sought his counsel, and he and Josephine were great supporters of Democrats throughout our region. It was delightful to see Mickey during these times; unfettered by the political constraints placed upon a member of the bench, he was free to express himself politically, and we were all the better for it.

Mickey's love for the law and for our community was surpassed only by his love for his family, including his brother, New York State Supreme Court Justice Patrick H. NeMoyer, his children, Patricia, Daniel and Michael, and the late Michelle and Nora, and his grandchildren, whom he loved and spoke about so often.

When someone you love passes on suddenly, we always express gratitude that our friend and loved one did not suffer, but pain remains for those left behind. I am thankful, Madam Speaker, that you have allowed me to recognize a great and proud son of south Buffalo, the late Honorable Judge Edgar C. NeMoyer, a devoted advocate and defender of the laws and principles on which this great Nation was founded. His work to make this community safer and stronger will be sorely missed though his spirit lives on through the many lives he touched.

**"WHEN EVEN THE POWERFUL
CAN'T SPEAK THE TRUTH"**

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this important article on our colleague Congressman PETE STARK.

[From the Alameda Sun, October 26, 2007]
WHEN EVEN THE POWERFUL CAN'T SPEAK THE TRUTH

Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Fremont, the normally calm, grandfatherly and moderate (for the Bay Area) congressman found himself at the center of a rhetorical hornet's nest last week after daring to tell his colleagues that paying for children's health insurance should come before throwing money at President Bush's bungling military adventurism.

With the president's approval rating at 24 percent, about as low as former President Nixon's was when he left office, according to a Reuters/Zogby poll released last week, it was only too predictable that Bush's few remaining supporters would immediately leap from their foxholes to shoot the messenger.

The messenger, in this case was Stark. His words were crude and offensive but his frank oration is admirable. Stark could have chosen his words more carefully, a fact the Democratic leadership made apparent when they dragged him behind the woodshed. But love him or hate him, Stark had the guts to speak in a way that most of his 434 colleagues won't.

Stark cut through the vapid pabulum that passes for political debate in this country; the junk-food rhetoric composed by spin-doctors, tested by focus groups, and proofread by campaign consultants and lobbyists. Just listen to what emanates from the mouths of the leading candidates of both parties in the lead up to November 2008. Or watch the drivel passed off as incisive political coverage on the 24-hour cable TV stations. Whether it's Hillary, Romney, Guiliani, Edwards, or McCain, not one policy or word is uttered without first being massaged and sanitized, calculated not to enlighten or lead, but to win votes without offending any demographic.

Obama, who was catapulted into second place in the polls because he appeared sincere in the spring, has receded after picking up the playbook of "serious candidate."

Stark got into hot water while speaking of the fundamental choice of policy-makers: one framed as "guns or butter." Eventually societies must choose between military spending and the needs of its citizenry.

The statement was uttered during debate on the House floor following Bush's veto of the popular State Children's Health Care Program (SCHIP), an \$11.2 billion annual program that helps poor parents buy health insurance for their children.

Compare that figure to this week's White House request for \$46 billion more to shovel into the quagmires in Iraq and Afghanistan. According to an estimate by the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, if the above figure is included, by the time the clock runs out on Bush's administration, U.S. taxpayers will be on the hook for \$808 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. That's roughly 10 times what Bush's father spent to humble Saddam Hussein in 1991.

China won't keep lending us that money forever. Sooner or later, the bill will come due.

What Stark actually told his colleagues: "The Republicans are worried that they can't pay for insuring an additional 10 million children."

"They sure don't care about finding \$200 billion to fight the illegal war in Iraq. Where are you going to get that money? Are you going to tell us lies like you're telling us today? Is that how you're going to fund the war?"

"You don't have money to fund the (Iraq) war or children. But you're going to spend it to blow up innocent people—if we can get enough kids to grow old enough for you to send to Iraq to get their heads blown off for the president's amusement."

These incendiary words launched an explosive backlash from pundits who immediately demanded Stark's head.

Stark was next criticized by the Democratic Party leadership, but survived a vote of official reprimand that Democrats tabled. Stark then publicly apologized Tuesday saying: "I want to apologize to my colleagues, many of whom I have offended, to the president, his family, (and) to the troops. I apologize for this reason: I think we have serious issues before us, the issue of providing medical care to children, the issue about what we're going to do about a war that we're divided about how to end."

If a U.S. congressman can be shouted down for speaking an essential truth: that blood

and treasure is being spilled in a perverse quest by the current resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. to outshine the legacy of his own father, these are truly dire days for our republic.

One wonders what reactions would spew forth from the mouths of those who vilify Stark had they read the words of another great American, a true Republican: Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower:

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

"We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together."

Too bad his warning so quickly landed in the ashcan of history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1022. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING DEL RIO COUNTRY CLUB

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Del Rio Country Club on celebrating their 60th anniversary in business. A celebration in honor of this achievement is to be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007.

The Del Rio Country Club was founded in 1946 by a small group of community leaders. It was shortly after the end of World War II, gas prices were high and esteems were low. The local community leaders took the gently rolling terrain just north of Modesto, California and invited William P. Bell to design the original eighteen holes. In 1996, the course grew. Del Rio was granted permission from the Federal Government to use the 150 acres as a combination of riparian habitat and golf course. Architect Robert Muir Graves was asked to design a second nine hole course, the River Nine. Then in 1998, the course was updated one more time. Architect John Harbottle supervised the reconstruction of all tees, greens and bunkers on William Bell's original layout.

Today, the Del Rio Country Club has 2 courses. One course is overlooked by a club house that features the Redwood Dining Room. The Country Club also features tennis courts and other family activities. The course is ranked among the top 20 golf courses in Northern California.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Del Rio Country Club on 60

years of business. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Del Rio Country Club many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 968, on passage of H.R. 3678, the Internet Tax Freedom Act Amendments Act of 2007, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE STATE CHAMPION SCHOOLS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and honor the 2006–2007 President's Challenge State Champion schools named by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. In particular, I would like to recognize two Tennessee schools, Percy Priest Elementary School in Nashville and Bartlett Elementary School in Bartlett, TN.

These two Tennessee schools have set examples that others would do well to follow. They have shown commitment to educating students on the benefits of physical activity and maintaining healthy lifestyles. Across the state of Tennessee, these two schools had the highest proportion of students scoring at or above the 85th percentile on the President's Challenge Physical Fitness Test for the 2006–2007 school year.

To promote overall health and well-being, the President's Challenge program encourages all Americans to make being active part of their everyday lives. Percy Priest and Bartlett Elementary embraced these goals and in so doing succeeded in obtaining State Champion status.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the President's Challenge State Champions for being role models for other schools and for improving the overall health and well-being of their students.

HONORING THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NAPA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Christian Church of Napa, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The Church has a storied history in the Napa Valley, where it has become a fixture in our community and an important place for people to come together and worship.

The First Christian Church of Napa was founded in 1857 by G.O. Burnett. Its success built on the work of "Stormy John" McCorkle, who had founded the first congregation in the valley under a Madrona tree near modern-day Rutherford. With the motto "Let's go Forward through Faith", the Church has expanded well beyond the original eight families who formed the charter group. In 1872, members of the congregation came together to purchase a piece of land for the church building, and began construction. Lacking a resident minister in these years, four men worked in concert to lead the Church. These "Four Horsemen", who helped provide spiritual guidance and leadership in the church were A.A. Whitman, T.N. Mount, A.D. Butler, and W.P. Prall.

In 1951, the First Christian Church moved to its current location on First Street in Napa. While promoting an active spiritual life in the congregation, the church has reached out to the community and the world. Members of the church have worked on Christian humanitarian missions on six continents in a wide variety of different countries. Additionally, church members have worked in inner-city Los Angeles and San Francisco, and locally volunteer time with the Napa Valley Food Bank, Church Women United and other community benefit groups.

The First Christian Church has always taken pride in the sense of community among its members, and the work that goes in to helping members of the congregation have full lives and strong interpersonal relationships. By emphasizing the importance of family and fidelity, the church has drawn membership from families for many generations.

Madam Speaker, at this time it is appropriate that we congratulate the First Christian Church of Napa on its 150th anniversary, and thank the congregation for all it does in our community.

IN TRIBUTE TO SISTER ANN HALLORAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sr. Ann Halloran, a community leader, co-founder and executive director of the Dominican Center for Women located in the Fourth Congressional District. The Milwaukee Archdiocese has recently presented Sr. Ann Halloran with the 2007 Vatican II "Service to Society" Award.

Sr. Ann Halloran and Sr. Anne-Marie Doyle founded the Dominican Center for Women in 1990 in a near north-side Milwaukee neighborhood with no formal clubs or community-based organizations. The mission of this human service agency is to help create a beautiful and safe central city neighborhood by providing services in three programmatic areas: Education, employment and housing. Sr. Ann Halloran believes this three-pronged approach is essential to dismantling poverty.

The programs at the Dominican Center for Women are offered free of charge to approximately 120 area residents. Initially, the center began by offering educational programs and employment counseling. As a result of participant surveys and with the urging of residents,

a housing program utilizing a 12-block area surrounding the center was initiated in 1999. The housing program, designed to lead to home ownership, has become a primary focus of the center. The center leverages strategic partnerships and collaborations including Federal, State and local governmental agencies, faith-based organizations, sweat equity, volunteerism and the financial resources of a Habitat for Humanity loan, barter grants, IDA accounts and other resources found in the community, into affordable home ownership. Sixty-seven center program participants are now homeowners; they are primarily African-American women, single heads of households, who would not have been considered by mainstream conventional lending institutions.

The center continues to work with new homeowners after acquisition of the home by convening monthly meetings to encourage them to voice neighborhood concerns, take group action toward resolution, and ultimately ensure retention of their homes. The Dominican Center for Women and the participants in its program have been so successful that beginning in 2004 they hosted their first annual "Parade of Homes" in this previously blighted area.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Sr. Ann Halloran's contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. She has helped to transform a neighborhood into a community.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TOLEDOAN SAM SZOR

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, since 1953, Samuel Szor has been an integral part of Toledo's music scene, earning him the title of Toledo's "Mr. Music." Mr. Szor ends his 55th season as the conductor/music director of the immensely popular Music under the Stars summer concert series held at the Toledo Zoo Amphitheater. Each summer our community happily anticipates the inception of another summer of the concert series of Music under the Stars. Because of Mr. Szor, music-lovers can rest in the Toledo Zoo's amphitheater taking in the beautiful sounds and sights of Toledo. Besides his dedication to bringing a collection of classical, patriotic and spirited pieces to Toledo residents, he holds an extensive list of additional credits.

In his early years after graduating with degrees from University of Michigan, he played bassoon with the Toledo Symphony, Toledo Opera Orchestra and the University of Toledo Woodwind Quintet and Trio as well as playing jazz saxophone in area bands and clubs. His conducting credits include the Casual concert series and other concerts with Toledo Symphony, twenty years with the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra, guest conductor with the famous Goldman Memorial Band in New York City, and conductor/music director for opera, musical comedy and ballet theatre in the Toledo area. In the choral realm, he has been conductor/music director of The Toledo Choral Society for 49 years and was a director of church music for over 40 years. In addition to his conducting credits, he was a music educa-

tor serving for 32 years in the secondary and college levels in Toledo.

Mr. Szor has received numerous awards for his distinguished work, most recently including a national award from the American Hungarian foundation and the Ovation Award from the Vocal Arts Resource Network of Ohio. Toledo garners much pride in his commitment to evoke a mosaic of melodies to our community for decades. Sam Szor is an inspiration to conductors and musicians everywhere by his grace, ease and spirit toward music.

HONORING COPPELL MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH BAND

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coppel Middle School North Band on being named an Outstanding National Wind Band and winning the 1-A Middle School Division.

Coppel Middle School North was among 81 bands selected in the top 25 percent of recordings submitted to the National Winds Band Honors competition. Each band was judged once again and narrowed the selection down to the National Honor in each classification. Charles Peltz, director of the New England Conservatory of Music, and noted composer John Mackey were the judges for this event.

All National award-winner bands will be invited to perform in the prestigious National Theatre in Washington, D.C. in May 2008.

Coppel Middle School North's band is under the direction of Joey Ashbrook and assistant director, Jeremy Lindquist.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent Coppel Middle School North and their exceptional band department in the 24th District of Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF T. J. LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate T. J. Lee Elementary School and the Irving Independent School District (IISD) Food Service Department for being awarded the coveted Gold School Award by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

T. J. Lee Elementary is the first school in Texas to receive this prestigious honor. As part of the USDA's HealthierUS School Challenge program, schools around the nation are awarded two levels of certification: Silver and Gold. IISD eagerly took on this challenge and assumed a leadership role to ensure that our students are being served healthy school meals in addition to providing nutrition education and a variety of physical activities. Given the variety of food available, particularly fast food and snacks in vending machines, the

students at T. J. Lee are taking steps toward a healthier future by making important nutrition choices at a young age.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating them for receiving this tremendous honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAVACE
STEWART ELEMENTARY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate LaVace Stewart Elementary School in Kemah, Texas, in my congressional district, for being awarded a No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon award. LaVace Stewart Elementary School earned this award by going from acceptable to exemplary in State accountability ratings in less than 4 years.

LaVace Stewart Elementary School is one of only 23 Texas schools selected for the Blue Ribbon award, which honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate superior academic performance or high gains in student achievement.

LaVace Stewart is certainly worthy of this award. As Dr. Sandra Mossman, superintendent of schools for Clear Creek Independent School District said, "[W]hen you walk into [LaVace Stewart] you can immediately feel the enthusiasm for learning and witness the compassion for children."

Madam Speaker, I agree with Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings that "It takes a lot of hard work by teachers and students to become a Blue Ribbon school, and it's a privilege to celebrate their great effort." I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the teachers, administrators, parents, and the students of LaVace Stewart Elementary School for the school's is named a Blue Ribbon School.

IN MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT
JAMES DAVID BULLARD

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Staff Sergeant James Bullard of South Carolina. Staff Sergeant Bullard was killed last week while serving with the South Carolina Army National Guard's 218th Brigade in Afghanistan.

Staff Sergeant Bullard is the second member of the 218th to lose his life serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. As a former member of the 218th brigade I wish to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by Staff Sergeant Bullard and express my deepest condolences on behalf of the House of Representatives and my family to his wife, Amber, his son, his parents and family, friends, and fellow soldiers. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Just like the millions of brave men and women who served our country in uniform, Staff Sergeant Bullard was a true patriot who

fought to defend our freedoms and to protect American families. We are forever grateful for his sacrifice and that of our military men and women around the world.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

TRIBUTE TO SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE UNIVERSITY BULLDOG
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the South Carolina State University Bulldog football team. This season the Bulldogs celebrate 100 years of play on the gridiron, and what a tremendous century it has been.

In 1907, what was then South Carolina State Agricultural and Mechanical College played its first game against Georgia State in Savannah. Just 3 years later, SC State became a charter member of the Georgia (GA)-South Carolina (SC) Athletic Association, which eventually changed its name to the South Atlantic Association.

In 1919, South Carolina State College won its first GA-SC Intercollegiate Association Championship. The Bulldogs were on their way to building a tremendous legacy.

Just 4 years later in 1923, SC State lost an important rivalry game with Tuskegee College, 13-6, in Orangeburg. However, the loss fueled the fire in the Bulldogs, and they went on 4 years later to a perfect 7-0 conference record and to capture their second South Atlantic Conference title. That season the team racked up six shutouts and lost only one game. This began the Bulldogs' reputation as a powerhouse in the South Atlantic Conference.

Oliver C. Dawson was named the Bulldogs' head football coach in 1937, marking the beginning of a new era. Coach Dawson was a beloved leader on campus—teaching classes and coaching multiple sports. During his tenure, the football team took a 2-year hiatus due to World War II, but they came back full of passion. In 1947, they went undefeated in regular season play and took on Shaw University for the Black National Championship in Washington, DC. Although SC State lost that game 8-0, the Bulldogs showed the tenacity for which they have become famous. Coach Dawson left such a legacy at SC State that the current football stadium bears his name.

Many trying years followed the 1947 successful season. The team struggled to regain its elite status, and then in 1965 tragedy struck. Player John Devlin of Greenwood was stricken while on the field and died. This sudden loss of a player and teammate revived the Bulldog spirit and the team went on to an 8-1-0 record that season under the leadership of Coach Oree Banks. Devlin's #31 jersey became the first ever retired in SC State athletic history. That same season, several Bulldog players received All-Conference honors, and Coach Banks was named SIAC and NAIA District 6 Coach of the Year.

In 1970, SC State President Maceo Nance led the school to become a charter member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). This transition was followed by the need to

find a new head football coach. In 1973, SC State tapped alumnus Willie Jeffries to lead the Bulldogs. Prior to Coach Jeffries' arrival, the Bulldogs had posted a dismal 1-9 season. He followed that with a 7-3-1 record, which was just the beginning of a tremendous era in Bulldog football history.

Under Coach Jeffries, the SC State Bulldogs built a record of 50-13-4 in just six seasons, and won its first of eleven MEAC titles. In 1976, the team captured its first Black National Championship in a 26-10 win over Norfolk State.

Due to his great success, other football programs sought Coach Jeffries' leadership. In 1978, he left to make history as the first African American head coach at a majority white university at Wichita State.

The Bulldogs rallied under the helm of its former Assistant Coach Bill Davis, who led SC State to its second National Black Championship, and the first of two straight invitations to the prestigious Division IAAA playoffs. Coach Davis led the Bulldogs to dominate the MEAC in the 1980s with back-to-back, 10-game seasons in 1980 and 1981.

Coach Davis was succeeded by Dennis Thomas in 1985, who coached the Bulldogs for three seasons. Then in 1989, the Bulldogs' favorite son, Willie Jeffries, returned as head coach.

In his second stint, Coach Jeffries produced seven winning teams. In 1994, he led the Bulldogs to a 10-2 season, again winning the MEAC championship. Coach Jeffries ended his career as the Bulldogs head football coach in 2002, and he was succeeded by another SC State alumnus.

Coach Buddy Pough left his assistant coaching job at the University of South Carolina to return to Orangeburg to lead the team he loved. His passion for the team and the players showed, as he orchestrated a new era of Bulldog dominance. In 2004, SC State compiled a 9-2 record and the Bulldogs once again were at the top of the MEAC conference. That season, the team ranked number two in the final polls of both the Sheridan Broadcasting Network and the American Sports Wire. They earned a Top 25 Division I-AA poll ranking from both the Sports Network and USA Today/ESPN. Today, Buddy Pough continues to lead the Bulldogs with the same tenacity.

The South Carolina State Bulldog football team has compiled a vibrant 100-year history. Over the century, the Bulldogs have won eleven MEAC titles. They have three National Black Championships in 1976, 1981, and 1994, and earned NCAA Division I-AA berths in 1981 and 1982. Three of its players have been enshrined in the prestigious Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio—Marion Motley (Cleveland Browns, 1965), David "Deacon" Jones (Los Angeles Rams, 1980) and Harry Carson (New York Giants, 2006). In addition to retiring #31 John Devlin's jersey, four other Bulldog standouts have had their jerseys retired—#66 Deacon Jones, #75 Harry Carson, #90 Donnie Shell, and #94 Robert Porcher.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary 100-year history of the South Carolina State University football team. As an SC State alumnus and football fan who spent my entire

life enjoying the talented and tenacious Bulldog teams, I commend the coaches and players who have contributed to this program's tremendous success. Go Bulldogs!

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE
SOLOMONOFF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of George Solomonoff. For 50 years, he was an admirable spokesman for peace and justice.

As a young man growing up in Cleveland, George was fascinated by the world around him and learned all he could, with a particular interest in Eastern philosophies. This interest would be a great influence in how he led his life, including his views on social justice. Shortly after graduating high school, he joined the Army as a radio operator in Europe, participating in various U.S. campaigns during World War II. These experiences would greatly contribute to his decision to work toward peace.

Most recently, George was an active member in many peace and justice groups, including the InterReligious Task Force, Cleveland Peace Action, Veterans for Peace, and Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice. As a member of the InterReligious Task Force, he organized the annual Cleveland protest against the School of the Americas. He was a constant presence on issues of peace and social justice in the greater Cleveland community, and was an ardent supporter of my legislation to create a Cabinet-level Department of Peace. He is survived by his sons, Dave and Alex; his daughter Nicole; and his brother Raymond. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege of knowing him.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the life of George Solomonoff. May he rest in peace, and may his desire for a better world and a better future for humanity live on in all of us.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM DONALD
SCHAEFER ON HIS 86TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend birthday greetings to one of Maryland's most famous sons and elected officials.

Mr. William D. Schaefer turns 86 today. He was born and raised in Baltimore, dedicating his life to public service.

After graduating from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1942, he joined the U.S. Army and served in World War II. He remained in the U.S. Army Reserves until 1979 when he retired with the rank of colonel.

Although he was unsuccessful in his first two bids for public office, "Donald" Schaefer, as he was fondly known, did not give up.

In 1955, he earned a seat on the Baltimore City Council; and in 1967, he was elected city council president. From that point onward, his career continued to soar.

In 1971, Donald Schaefer ran successfully for the mayor's office, a position to which he would dedicate himself until 1986. During his tenure, he was known for his attention to detail, taking notes of strewn garbage and other violations as he rode around town and ordering them to be fixed immediately.

There is also a famous photograph that shows him dressed in an old-fashioned striped bathing suit, ready to dive into the dolphin pool at the then-new National Aquarium in Baltimore to settle a wager that it would not be opened in time.

In 1986, Donald Schaefer was overwhelmingly elected Maryland's 58th governor with 82 percent of the vote, the largest percentage total ever for a contested statewide election. He was re-elected to a second term in 1990.

His legacy includes Oriole Park at Camden Yards, M&T Bank Stadium, stricter measures against pollution, and higher standards for public schools. He also pushed for the Light Rail Line of electric-powered trains that runs 30 miles through the central corridor of Maryland.

In 1998, Donald Schaefer returned to public office, winning the position of Comptroller of Maryland by a substantial margin, 62 percent to 38 percent. In 2002, he won re-election to that post, receiving almost 68 percent of the vote.

William D. Schaefer is revered in Baltimore City and the State of Maryland. Throughout more than 50 years of public service, he has been tenacious, colorful and visionary. It is with great pleasure that I wish him the best on his 86th birthday.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANK BOZICK,
THE OLDEST LIVING VETERAN
IN THE STATE OF KANSAS

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, my state of Kansas is home to 235,000 veterans—brave men and women who served our nation in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and everywhere else that duty has called. Among all of those Kansas veterans, the oldest is Mr. Frank Bozick, who will soon celebrate his 105th birthday. I'd like to take a few moments today to honor his service to our country.

Mr. Bozick was born on February 11, 1903, in the southeast Kansas town of Frontenac. At the age of 17, he graduated from a local automobile and tractor college and began a career maintaining early-model cars. He soon settled into a comfortable life running a local gas station and tire business—only to find his routine disrupted on December 7, 1941, when the attack on Pearl Harbor launched America into World War II.

Like so many other Americans, Mr. Bozick interrupted his daily life and traveled overseas to support the war effort. He served for 3

years in the Army performing tank repair, and his duties carried him to England, Normandy, and Paris. When, at last, the war ended, Mr. Bozick returned home to Kansas, where he operated his gas station for 42 years.

Over his long life, Mr. Bozick has witnessed an extraordinary span of history. He has seen America advance from Model Ts to hybrid cars, from steam engines to rocket ships, from manual typewriters to the World Wide Web. But through a century of enormous change, one thing has remained constant: America's profound gratitude to our veterans, who risked their lives to secure our peace.

KEEPING THE PROMISE TO OUR
DISABLED VETERANS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to speak about a bill that I have introduced to better the lives of our Nation's disabled veterans.

H.R. 4071, the Disabled Veterans Right to Commissaries and Space Available Travel Act, will extend commissary and exchange store privileges to service-disabled veterans with a rating of 30 percent or more and to their families. Congress must do all we reasonably can for the men and women who have become disabled in their service to our Nation. Our disabled veterans are important members of the greater military family, and they should be treated as such with every available opportunity.

This bill will also authorize transportation on military aircraft on a space-available basis to service-disabled veterans with a rating of 50 percent or more. Currently, members and retirees of the uniformed services and the reserves may travel free on Department of Defense (DoD) aircraft when space is available. This benefit is allowed when it does not interfere with military missions, and it recognizes that military careers are filled with rigorous duty.

But present policies do not extend this benefit to our disabled veterans. What more rigorous duty can be imagined than to become disabled in the service of our country? Why has the DoD chosen not to recognize the brave men and women who sacrificed their health and well-being while serving in uniform? This DoD policy needs to be corrected.

Space-available travel for these disabled veterans would cost the federal government nothing and would not interfere with active-duty personnel. Current military is always given priority, and H.R. 4071 would do nothing to change that. What my bill will do is allow seats that would otherwise go unused to be occupied by men and women who have been disabled when serving their Nation.

This bill is the right step to take for our disabled veterans! They have sacrificed their health and well-being for their country, and they have earned the right to these privileges. Please support H.R. 4071 and work with me for its passage.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAVIER LOPEZ, M.D., F.A.C.S. UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my dear friend and mentor, Javier Lopez, M.D., upon his induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's Society of Saint Luke, an honor that reflects his immeasurable contribution to the health and well-being of countless individuals and families, from Cleveland, Ohio to Colombia, South America. His compassion and expertise continues to have the greatest impact on the poor of our community, whose lives are uplifted, inspired and made whole again by the healing compassion that defines the life and work of Dr. Javier Lopez.

A highly skilled surgeon and general family practitioner in the Cleveland area for more than 40 years, Dr. Lopez's brilliant medical expertise is equaled by his patience, caring, compassion, and dedication to every patient, regardless of their ability to pay. More than forty years ago, Dr. Lopez journeyed from his beautiful homeland of Medellin, Colombia, to Cleveland, Ohio, to complete his residency at St. Alexis Hospital. The people of North and South Broadway, including myself and my family, were immediately taken by his kind, gentle and humble nature. Dr. Lopez's talent as a gifted doctor could have landed him a successful medical practice in any wealthy suburb, yet he chose to stay in the inner city, on Broadway Avenue, wholly dedicated to treating those who embraced him as a young man so many years ago.

I have been fortunate to have known Dr. Lopez since I was a young man, and even more fortunate to have cultivated a close friendship with him. The positive impact that he has had on my life and the lives of so many others is truly indescribable in mere words. His excellence as a physician is surpassed by none, yet it is his deep sense of humanity that sets him apart from most others. Dr. Lopez continues to be a guiding beacon of hope along Broadway Avenue, uplifting the spirits, hearts and lives of countless individuals, including my own.

Dr. Lopez lives his life dedicated to his faith, his family, and the communities of North and South Broadway and St. Vincent's. His vocation in medicine reflects his unwavering faith and is captured in the biblical reference: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me." Dr. Lopez offers the same compassion, concern and medical expertise to the forgotten homeless man as he does to the successful attorney. Despite his great achievements in the field of medicine, Dr. Lopez's sense of humanity has always been blind to social or economic status.

Although Dr. Lopez has wholly embraced his Cleveland community, he never forgets the struggles of the people of his Colombian birthplace. An international ambassador of healing, Dr. Lopez continues to lead regular medical missions to Colombia and Honduras, where he donates his time, expertise, medicine and medical supplies to war-torn and impoverished

communities, forging healing, peace and hope for a better day. In Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Lopez's lifelong commitment to healing is reflected every day within his modest medical office on Broadway Avenue.

His office still remains across the street from where St. Alexis Hospital once stood, and in 2003, Dr. Lopez became an integral member of the medical staff of St. Vincent Charity Hospital. He immediately garnered the respect, admiration and adoration of St. Vincent Hospital staff members and patients—everyone from the front desk receptionists to the nurses and surgical specialists.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Javier Lopez, upon his induction into the Society of Saint Luke. Dr. Lopez' medical insight, intellect, grace, wisdom, leadership and friendship—and above all else, his compassion, kindness and heart, continues to raise the lives of so many of us onto a platform of hope, survival, peace and healing.

Dr. Lopez strengthens our entire community by caring for us, and by caring, especially—"for the least of us." I am grateful and honored to call Dr. Lopez my friend, and I thank him for enriching my life by his close and consistent presence in it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present on November 1, 2007, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote 1032, on motion to recommit with instructions—H.R. 2262, the Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act—I would have voted "aye"; rollcall vote 1033, on passage—H.R. 2262, the Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act—I would have voted "nay."

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAFE AND HEALTHY EMERGENCY HOUSING ACT OF 2007

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Safe and Healthy Emergency Housing Act, which underscores the Federal Government's obligation to provide safe emergency housing units to disaster victims during times of need.

I am glad to be joined today in introducing this bill by the chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, HENRY CUELLAR from Texas, and Representative GENE TAYLOR, who knows firsthand the importance of providing adequate housing to disaster victims.

I would also like to thank Representatives CLARKE, JACKSON LEE, CHRISTENSEN, LOFGREN, and AL GREEN for signing on as original cosponsors.

Nearly 2½ years after Hurricane Katrina, we are still learning how we can improve our abil-

ity to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The lessons we have learned cannot be ignored.

One of the most striking lessons we learned was that this country was ill-prepared to provide emergency housing to victims during a major catastrophe.

To house the number of individuals who lost their homes during Katrina and Rita, FEMA was forced to immediately purchase thousands of travel trailers. By the time the dust settled, FEMA had purchased over 100,000 of these units.

At the time, travel trailers appeared to be a logical choice because they can be produced much faster than other housing alternatives. However, as time passed, it became clear that travel trailers may not have been the best option.

By now, most of us are well aware that many of the travel trailers provided by FEMA were and remain contaminated with formaldehyde. Many of us, however, do not know why this happened.

Tests conducted in 2006 found that the formaldehyde levels in most of the trailers tested exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limit. It's also important to note that formaldehyde is classified as a carcinogen by the International Agency for Research of Cancer.

I have continually raised concerns over the health impacts of formaldehyde exposure with the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.

My Committee staff has also interviewed medical officials from the CDC Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry about a February 2007 report that focused on formaldehyde levels present in FEMA trailers. However, the study did not analyze the potential health impacts on travel trailers' residents.

After expressing my deep concerns with the DHS chief medical officer over the lack of such a study, FEMA announced that they would be entering into an agreement with the CDC to test the trailers for formaldehyde and to study what associated health impacts may have been encountered.

I anxiously await the results of this important study.

Madam Speaker, as you may know, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, regulates formaldehyde emissions in manufactured housing. However, travel trailers are not considered to be "manufactured housing," and are, therefore, exempt from this regulation.

This legislation protects disaster victims by requiring that any emergency housing units provided by FEMA meet HUD regulations limiting formaldehyde emissions.

This legislation does not force the travel trailer industry to change the way they manufacture their product, it simply makes certain that FEMA will no longer provide formaldehyde-contaminated housing units to disaster victims.

While the health implications are still being studied, we do know that research has proven that the negative health effects can range anywhere from respiratory irritation to cancer. According to medical experts, the health impacts are most concerning for children whose lungs are still developing.

In closing Madam Speaker, let me say that our citizens' health should be a top priority

during times of disaster recovery. I believe this legislation will embrace that priority and make certain that this problem will not be encountered during future disasters.

LEGISLATION ALLOWING INTER-
STATE SHIPMENT OF
UNPASTEURIZED MILK

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation that allows the transportation and sale in interstate commerce of unpasteurized milk and milk products, as long as the milk both originates from and is shipped to States that allow the sale of unpasteurized milk and milk products. This legislation removes an unconstitutional restraint on farmers who wish to sell unpasteurized milk and milk products, and people who wish to consume unpasteurized milk and milk products.

My office has heard from numerous people who would like to purchase unpasteurized milk. Many of these people have done their own research and come to the conclusion that unpasteurized milk is healthier than pasteurized milk. These Americans have the right to consume these products without having the Federal Government second-guess their judgment about what products best promote health. If there are legitimate concerns about the safety of unpasteurized milk, those concerns should be addressed at the State and local level.

I urge my colleagues to join me in promoting consumers' rights, the original intent of the Constitution, and federalism by cosponsoring my legislation to allow the interstate sale of unpasteurized milk and milk products.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, on October 31, 2007, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was attending to personal family matters in my District: rollcall vote No. 1024, the McCrery substitute amendment to H.R. 3920, the Trade and Globalization Act, rollcall vote No. 1025, passage of H.R. 3920, the Trade and Globalization Act; and rollcall vote No. 1026, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3043, the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

If present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Nos. 1024 and 1026 and "aye" on rollcall No. 1025.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH A. SOPKO, M.D. UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SAINT LUKE SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joseph A. Sopko, M.D., upon his induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's St. Luke Society, for his contributions to pulmonary health education, residency program leadership, and for his community involvement, including his leadership and activism regarding tobacco use prevention.

Dr. Sopko has been a member of the medical staff at St. Vincent Charity Hospital for nearly 20 years. He earned his medical degree at Tufts University and completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Iowa Hospitals. Dr. Sopko has held several significant roles at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, including: Medical Director of Pulmonary Services; Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit; and educator within the Hospital's medical residency program. Moreover, Dr. Sopko played a critical role in establishing one of the first hospital-wide blood conservation programs in the nation—the Regional Center for Blood Conservation. For his service to students in the residency program, he was awarded the 2007 Teacher of the Year Award, given by the St. Vincent Charity Hospital Internal Medicine Program.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Joseph A. Sopko, upon his induction into the Saint Luke Society. Dr. Sopko's medical expertise, caring demeanor and strong sense of volunteerism brings strength to St. Vincent's Hospital and superior health care for countless individuals throughout our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1032, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 2262, the Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007. I was delayed due to a meeting with constituents.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
RALPH P. HARR

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ralph

Harr of Bristol, Tennessee who passed away November 2, 2007.

Mr. Harr was born April 4, 1926 to the late William and Addie Cowan Harr, and he was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County. Ralph graduated from Blountville High School and attended King College. He served our great Nation in the U.S. Army.

Ralph was an established businessman. He co-owned and operated Bristol Auto Auction for over 48 years.

Mr. Harr was a dedicated public servant. He served from 1952 until 2001 as the Clerk and Master of Sullivan County Chancery Court. Ralph served as County Commissioner for 30 years and was a member of the influential Budget Committee and the Sullivan Partnership Network. It was evident to anyone who knew him, he cared for Sullivan County in a fashion that is difficult to find.

As a devoted family man, he will be missed by his wife of 43 years, Marjorie Willis Han, son Jon Paul, daughter Jackie, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and so many friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in honoring Ralph Harr for his service to this great Nation, commitment to making life better for those around him, and love for his family and friends. We have lost a tireless leader in the First District, he will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK WETSCH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to Derek Wetsch, who received the highest rank in boy scouting; attaining the rank of Eagle Scout at his court of honor ceremony on November 4, 2007. He is a member of Troop 88, sponsored by First United Methodist Church in Elkins, West Virginia.

Derek took on quite an undertaking for his Eagle Scout project. As diligent student and member of the Elkins High Fighting Tiger Marching Band, he saw the need for a new sound system at the football stadium and improvement of its grounds. Thanks to his fundraising efforts, Wimer Field at Elkins High School has a new state-of-the-art sound system, which he installed himself.

Derek attended Elkins High School where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. A leader in his class, Derek was student body president, president of the band council, and a member of the National Honor Society. He remains an active volunteer with Boy Scouts of America.

Derek is a freshman at West Virginia University where he is a member of the Pride of West Virginia, Mountaineer Marching Band. He is majoring in Exercise Physiology and plans to attend dental school after his undergraduate studies.

I am proud to recognize Derek Wetsch for achieving the high honor of the Eagle Scout. West Virginia is fortunate to have him as a leader and I look forward to hearing about his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELMUT SCHREIBER, M.D., F.A.C.S. UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SAINT LUKE SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Helmut Schreiber, M.D., F.A.C.S., upon his induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's St. Luke Society, for his pioneering achievements in the area of bariatric medicine, his innovative techniques in the surgical treatment of morbid obesity, and for his natural talents as teacher and mentor.

Dr. Schreiber has been a member of the medical staff at St. Vincent Charity Hospital for the past nineteen years. He earned his medical degree from Ohio State University, and completed his residency and internship at University Hospitals of Cleveland. In 1999, after working for several years as Director of Surgery at Saint Luke's Hospital, Dr. Schreiber accepted the position of Director of Surgery at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital. Motivated by his deep compassion for patients struggling with obesity, Dr. Schreiber founded the Cleveland Center for Bariatric Surgery. Dr. Schreiber has also served as teacher for residency students and, most significantly, he has provided surgical care to countless individuals in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Helmut Schreiber, upon his induction into the Saint Luke Society. Dr. Schreiber's medical excellence, pioneering achievements, and caring and compassionate nature, serves to bring light and hope into the lives of patients, colleagues, family and friends, uplifting our entire community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the vote on H.R. 2262. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the bill.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIE RACHEL CATRON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I regret that I must inform the House of the passing of a great American in my home community who stood tall on the mountaintop and watched over many people all around her.

Jennie Rachel Catron lived through more tragedy than most people, and in spite of it, showed leadership, stability, strength, love, discipline and direction until the day she left

us at 91, on October 14, 2007. Her lesson to us is that it's not what happens to you in life that matters; it's what you do about it that counts.

To her children, she was their hero. To our community, she was our devoted volunteer. She inspired all of us to never quit and to never be counted out, but to move forward with compassion to put down adversity when it strikes.

Among the many causes Jennie Rachel dedicated herself to were the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Somerset-Pulaski County Rescue Squad, the PTA, the Home-maker's Club, and the Republican Women's Club. Through her efforts the uneducated were taught, the poor got a helping hand, and families were made stronger.

Her life appeared to be that of any wife, mother and then grandmother. But it was not—that life was violently taken away from her. She would lose her husband Harold, the Somerset Police Chief, to a criminal's bullet. And 45 years later, she lost her son Sam, the Sheriff of Pulaski County, the same way. Both times Jennie Rachel was only a few feet away. And both times, revenge was exacted against her husband and son for going after criminal enterprises.

Yet, she managed to build a new life. She devoted herself to her surviving son Lewis, daughter Nancy, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The community organizations she was involved in are too numerous to name.

The order in life that most of us expect, was upended for Jennie Rachel Catron. She rebuilt what was torn down—for her and the rest of us.

Her daughter Nancy read a verse at her mother's request and thus concluded her eulogy. It is a fitting tribute to a fine lady whose spirit is alive when we look across our community and see the good that is there.

Do not stand at my grave and weep:

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight,

I am the soft stars that shine at night,

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there. I did not die.

We remember Jennie Rachel Catron.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARITY A. KANKAM, M.D., UPON HER INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SAINT LUKE SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charity A. Kankam, M.D., upon her induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's St. Luke Society, an honor that reflects not only her superior clinical skills, but most significantly, highlights her daily outreach, care and compassion for the most vulnerable citizens of our community.

Dr. Kankam has been an integral member of the St. Vincent staff for the past seventeen years. She was awarded a medical degree from the University of Toronto, where she completed her residency and fellowship training as well. Dr. Kankam specializes in nephrology and has served as the Director of Nephrology since 1994. She also dedicates her time as a teacher to medical residents and staff. Dr. Kankam's limitless compassion and her dedication to improving the well-being of others reaches from the St. Vincent community to her birthplace, Ghana. When Dr. Kankam learned that Ghana lacked a desperately needed dialysis center, she became the leading organizer in raising funds to build one. Last year, due to Dr. Kankam's determination and focus, a dialysis center was established in Ghana—one of only two in the country.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Charity A. Kankam, upon her induction into the Saint Luke Society. Dr. Kankam's expertise in the area of nephrology is outshone only by her compassion and kindness, raising the spirits and lives of every patient into the realm of healing, strength and hope.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HILLS HOSPITAL'S NEW HEART CENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of North Richland Hills' North Hills Hospital. North Hills Hospital is opening a new Heart Center that specializes in fast and efficient heart attack care.

North Hills Hospital has been leading the medical world in heart care. It is the first hospital in the United States to accomplish Cycle 2 Accreditation for its Chest Pain Center. The hospital is opening a Heart Center for its patients and will continue to lead the way in top-of-the-line cardiac care.

The Heart Center has been in construction for two years and consists of two operating rooms, 13 cardiac progressive care beds and eight cardiac intensive care beds. All of these rooms are on the same unit, which is helpful for transferring patients, and also for visiting families. The new model of the Heart Center is considered ground breaking in the medical field.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to the City of North Richland Hills and the North Hills Hospital. It is my hope that they will continue to serve patients of the 26th District of Texas with the same care and spirit of service that they have shown throughout the years.

TRIBUTE TO R.J. NATHE & SONS OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA ON 50TH YEAR IN BUSINESS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, throughout America, small businesses and entrepreneurs work each day

to help our nation prosper. One of these companies, R.J. Nathe & Sons of Dade City, Florida is celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year. As one of the outstanding corporate citizens in Pasco County, the Nathe family deserves recognition for fifty years of giving back to the community.

In October of 1957, cousins R.J. Nathe and Walter Gude decided to go into the land clearing business, naming the company Nathe and Gude Landclearing. Using an initial family loan to start the company, the cousins went out and put a down payment on two used bulldozers and two old pickup trucks. Reaching out to the growing citrus crop industry in Central Florida, they had plenty of proposed work until a bad freeze stopped their growing business in its tracks.

Once the cousins got back on their feet, they soon realized that while land clearing would make them money, the real business potential came from logging the timber that came off of the land they cleared. Over the years the business diversified even further to include extensive cattle and citrus operations.

When they incorporated the firm in 1980, the cousins decided to shorten the name to Nathe & Gude, Inc. in 1993 the Nathe family split with Gude, allowing Gude to take the cattle operation and the Nathe family keeping the original logging and land clearing part. The following year J.R. brought his five sons into the business and changed the name to R.J. Nathe & Sons, Inc. A very important part of the growing business is J.R.'s wife, Patsy, who keeps everyone coordinated and productive.

Over the years R.J. Nathe & Sons, Inc. has been recognized for its involvement in business and community activities. They have received numerous awards including Florida Logger of the Year in 1996, continuing on to win the Southeastern title and runner up for National Logger of the Year in 1997.

Along with timber harvesting and land clearing, Nathe & Sons now offers demolition and

custom sawmilling. The business has strived to build strong customer relationships based on fairness, honesty and quality service. With a company motto of, "Treating everyone's land as if our own," it is clear that Nathe & Sons has a commitment to customers that is necessary to maintain an outstanding reputation in the Dade City community. I congratulate Patsy and J.R. and the entire family on their first fifty years of service in Pasco County and look forward to working with them over the next fifty years.

CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RESPOND TO AND PREVENT RAPE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN DARFUR, SUDAN, EASTERN CHAD AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 726, to prevent and respond to acts of rape and sexual violence in the Darfur conflict region. This resolution calls on the President and the international community to recognize and respond to the horrific acts of sexual violence that are being committed by the Sudanese armed forces, the associated Janjaweed militia, and other armed combatants with alarming regularity. Women and girls in the crisis-affected region currently lack the medical and psychological services necessary to survive and recover from these personal atrocities.

Today, Congress seeks to provide them with these basic services, and states our belief that the U.S. and the international community must continue applying pressure to the government in Khartoum to stop the use of rape and sexual violence as a tool of war.

The United Nations has recognized that rape is being used as a systematic weapon of war and that combatants are encouraged to employ it as yet another way to brutally terrorize a population. The impact on the individual, however, must not be forgotten. Rape not only brutalizes the woman, it can also rob her of her dignity and privacy, often leading to her being shunned by her family and community. The international community has thus far been unable to prevent sexual violence from becoming an almost daily event in many conflicts, including the one in Darfur. So when Congress has an opportunity to protect and aid the victims of these attacks, we must do so.

This bill calls on the President and international community to develop the Women and Girls of Darfur Initiative that would provide health care services, medical supplies, and psychological counseling to women in the conflict-affected region. The resolution also calls for preventative measures such as ensuring that a hybrid United Nations-African Union peacekeeping force is deployed to protect women and girls from acts of rape and sexual violence. Since the Sudanese Government refuses to provide its own women this protection, the hybrid peacekeeping force must be accorded all the necessary resources, including the \$724 million that the U.S. has pledged to fund the U.N.'s mission in Darfur.

I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me and over 100 other cosponsors of this bill in fulfilling our moral obligation to protect the basic human rights of the women and girls in Darfur and the surrounding region.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Small Business Contracting Revitalization Act of 2007".

SR-428A

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the performance and structure of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the United States government enforcement of intellectual property rights.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine carbon sequestration technologies.

SR-253

NOVEMBER 8

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine localism, diversity, and media ownership.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine ways to protect the employment rights of those who protect the United States.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, and W. Ross Ashley, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,

both of the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2135, to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and the nominations of Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Joseph N. Laplante, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Reed Charles O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Thomas D. Schroeder, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Amul R. Thapar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine outstanding issues relating to the 1992-1995 conflict in Bosnia, focusing on violent ethnic cleansing, and how they shape politics, society, and economic development in Bosnia.

B-318-RHOB

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Near East and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on options and implications for Lebanon and the surrounding region.

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, S. 1449, to establish the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center to assist in preserving the archeological, anthropological, paleontological, zoological, and geologic artifacts and archival documentation from the Rocky Mountain region through the construction of an on-site, secure collections facility for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in Denver, Colorado, S. 1921, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1961, to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama, S. 1991, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a

study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, S. 2098, to establish the Northern Plains Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, S. 2220, to amend the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 to authorize certain appropriations, and H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park.

SD-366

Intelligence

Meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community.

S-407, Capitol

NOVEMBER 13

10 a.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration, focusing on preventing loan fraud and improving regulation of lenders.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Public Law 95-87), focusing on policy issues thirty years later.

SD-366

NOVEMBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management).

SD-562

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on economic and national security implications.

SD-538

NOVEMBER 15

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Army.

SH-216

CANCELLATIONS

NOVEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution.

SR-301